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Rep. Shuler Statement on Supreme Court Ruling on D.C Gun Ban and 2nd Amendment Rights

Washington, D.C. – U.S. Representative Heath Shuler released the following statement today after the U.S. Supreme Court's affirmation that individuals have a Constitutional right to own firearms by striking down the District of Columbia's ban on handgun ownership in the *District of Columbia v. Heller*.

Rep. Shuler, along with dozens of other Members of Congress, had submitted an *amici curiae*, or "friend of the court" brief, in February 2008 disagreeing with the District of Columbia's ban on handguns and individual self-defense.

Rep. Shuler was also a cosponsor of H.R. 1399, a bill which sought to repeal the District of Columbia's registration requirement for the possession of firearms; prohibition on possession of a handgun in a home; and requirement that firearms in the possession of certain individuals be kept unloaded or disassembled.

"The right to keep and bear arms is enshrined in the Second Amendment, and I pleased with the Supreme Court's affirmation of that fundamental right today. Law-abiding Americans have a right to own firearms, whether it is for the protection of themselves and their families, hunting, or collecting, or any other legal activity."

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